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destined to Mobile; and the Norwegian steamship *Gotthard*, with 21 in the crew and 8 passengers in transit, taken on in Habana, bound for Galveston. These vessels sailed from this port on August 28, 29, and 30, respectively, with no sickness aboard up to the time of their inspection.

August 26 one case of yellow fever was reported at Alacranes as cabled under same date to the Bureau. The case occurred in a Cuban boy by the name of G. L., 7 years of age, residing in the town of Alacranes, where the disease was contracted. The patient was isolated at the place for observation and treatment. No new cases of yellow fever have been reported since.

August 26 a decree was issued by the provisional government of Cuba creating a national department of sanitation.

Summary of the transactions for the month of August, 1907.

Number of bills of health issued.....	19
Number of vessels fumigated.....	9
Crews inspected.....	455
Passengers (in transit).....	13
Certificates of immunity issued.....	7

There were no transactions for the Canal Zone nor the Republic of Panama.

The following cases and deaths of yellow fever were reported during the month in the city and province: August 4, 1 case at Matanzas ending in death (origin of case traceable to Mocha within this district); August 9, 1 case at Alacranes, within this province; August 15, 2 cases at Matanzas, imported from Mocha, of which 1 died, and August 17-26, 2 cases reported at Alacranes.

The total number of deaths from all causes during the month was 86, which gives an annual average of mortality of 20.64 per mille.

Report from Santiago—Inspection of vessels.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Wilson reports, August 27:

Week ended August 24, 1907. Bills of health issued to 3 vessels bound for the United States. No vessel fumigated.

No quarantinable disease reported.

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Report from Guayaquil—Fumigation of vessels from San Francisco, Cal., on account of plague.

The following is received from the Department of State, under date of September 4:

A telegram has been received from the consul-general at Guayaquil, Ecuador, which reads:

"The board of health has decided that on account plague San Francisco vessels to be received in Ecuador must be fumigated.